

## Namibia

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **RECONSIDER TRAVEL** to Namibia due to COVID-19. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 6 blank pages in their passport for each entry stamp/visa that will be required. A visa is required. A visa is available planeside for tourists for up to 90 days.

### US Embassy/Consulate

(264) 061-295-8500 ; EMER: +(264)(85) 686-0853; US Embassy Windhoek, 14 Lossen Street, Windhoek, Namibia

### Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

Desert; hot, dry; rainfall sparse and erratic

### Currency (Code)

Namibian dollars (NAD)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): D, M



### Major Languages

Oshiwambo languages 49.7%, Nama/Damara 11%, Kavango languages 10.4%, Afrikaans 9.4% (common language of most of the population), Herero languages 9.2%, Zambezi languages 4.9%, English 2.3%, other African languages 1.5%, other European languages .7%, other 1%; note: Namibia has 13 recognized national languages, including 10 indigenous African languages and 3 Indo-European languages

### Religions

Christian 80% to 90% (at least 50% Lutheran), indigenous beliefs 10% to 20%

### Time Difference

UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins first Sunday in September; ends first Sunday in April

### Potable Water

Yes, but some opt for bottled water.

<b>International Driving Permit</b>	Suggested
<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Left
<b>Tourist destinations</b>	Etosha National Park; Fish River Canyon; Sossusvlei; Cape Cross; Swakopmund; Caprivi Strip; Twyfelfontein; Namib-Naukluft National Park; Kalahari Desert; Chobe River
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	In professional settings, people are often referred to by their surnames; it is considered informal to use first names immediately.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	At hotels, tip about 30 Namibian dollars per guest per day. Leave your tip in a communal tipping box. If you would like to tip porters, 10 Namibian dollars is recommended. For specialist guides, tip 50 Namibian dollars per guest per day.
<b>Telephone Code</b>	264
<b>Local Emergency Phone</b>	Ambulance: 2032276; Fire: 2032270; Police: 1011

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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